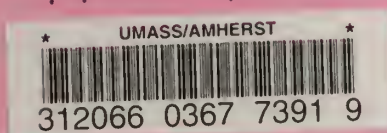


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Executive Summary

206 homicides were reported to the Crime Reporting Unit ("CRU") in 1995. This was a 2.4% increase over the 201 homicides reported in 1994. It should be noted that crime reporting is a voluntary program, and all police agencies do not submit data to the CRU. However, a greater percentage of Massachusetts law enforcement agencies supply data than ever before.

In order to examine the different characteristics of homicide, separate tables will be presented for the state-wide figures, for male and female victims separately, and for homicides in Boston separately from the remainder of Massachusetts. *It should be noted that a very high percentage of offender, weapon, relationship and circumstance data is missing from the data supplied by the Boston Police Department. As a result, any conclusions based on the Boston data should be made carefully.*

State-wide data

Characteristics of Victims

Nearly three-quarters of victims of homicide were male (152, or 73.8%). Just over one-half of the victims were white (107, or 51.9%), and the average (mean) age of victims was 31.5 years old.

Characteristics of Offenders

Data was available on 138 offenders. Nearly two-thirds of offenders were White (89, or 64.5%). Over 90% (125) were male, and the average (mean) age of offenders was 29 years old.

Circumstance of Crime

In over half the cases, the circumstance was coded as 'unknown' (106, or 51.5%). Other frequently cited circumstances were "Domestic" (32, 15.5%), "Other arguments" (15, 7.3%), and "Robbery" (10, 4.9%).

A firearm was used as the primary weapon in 53.9% of all homicides (111 cases). A knife or cutting instrument was used in 26.7% of homicides (55 cases).

The victim-offender relationship was unknown in 54.4% of the offenses (112 cases). Other frequently cited victim-offender relationships were "Acquaintance" (25, 12.1%), "stranger" (19, 9.2%), "wife" (13, 6.3%) and "girlfriend" (12, 5.8%).

Just under one-half of all homicides occurred in a residence (90, 43.7%). The second most common location for homicides was coded as "highway/road" (78, 37.9%).

Homicides by Area of the Commonwealth

Characteristics of Victims

In Boston, 75% of homicide victims were Black (72 of 96 victims); in the rest of the Commonwealth, over three-quarters of victims were White (85 of 110 victims). Males made up

85.4% of the victims in Boston and 63.6% of the victims in the rest of the Commonwealth. The average (mean) age of victims in Boston was about 5 1/2 years younger than victims in the rest of the Commonwealth (28.6 years old in Boston, 34.1 years old in the rest of the Commonwealth).

Characteristics of Offenders

Over 80% of the offenders in cases outside of Boston were Black (87 of 108 cases); 90% of the offenders identified in Boston were classified as Black (27 of 30 cases). Males made up of majority of offenders in both areas of the Commonwealth (86.7% in Boston, 90.0% in the rest of the Commonwealth). The average (mean) age of offenders in both areas, however, was similar: 28.4 years in Boston; 28.2 years in the rest of the Commonwealth.

Characteristics of the Offense

Circumstance and victim-offender relationship data was missing from over 85% of the Boston cases and from about 25% of the cases from the rest of the Commonwealth. However, the most commonly cited circumstance was listed as "Domestic" (22.7%, 25 cases) in the rest of the Commonwealth. The most frequently cited victim-offender relationship in the rest of the Commonwealth were "Acquaintance" (20.9%, 23 cases), "Stranger" (17.3%, 19 cases), "Wife" (10.0%, 11 cases), and "Girlfriend" (6.4%, 7 cases).

Firearms made up 66.7% of the weapons used in Boston, compared to 42.7% in the rest of the Commonwealth. The majority of homicides in Boston occurred on a road or highway (59.4%, 57 cases). In contrast, most homicides outside of Boston occurred in a home or residence (56.4%, 62 cases).

Homicides by Victim's Gender

Characteristics of Victims

The majority of female victims were White (72.2%, 39 cases) whereas male victims were more evenly distributed between Black (52.0%, 79 cases) and White (44.7%, 68 cases). Male victims were also younger than female victims (30.3 years old for males, 35.2 years old for females).

Offender Characteristics

Offender's race and sex differed very little notwithstanding the gender of the victim. Roughly two-thirds of offenders were White (64.1% against male victims, 65.2% against female victims), and offenders were overwhelmingly male (88.0% against male victims, 95.7% against female victims). However, offenders in attacks on males were over eight years younger than offenders in attacks against females (26.4 years old vs. 34.6 years old).

Offense Characteristics

The most frequently cited circumstance of homicides with female victims was "Domestic" (44.4%, 24 cases), whereas the majority of male homicides had a circumstance code of "Unknown" (59.9%, 91 cases). Firearms were used in the most homicides against male victims (62.5%, 95 cases) while female victims were killed most frequently with knives (38.9%, 21

cases). In addition, three-quarters of female victims were killed in a home (74.1%, 40 cases), while nearly half of male victims were killed in the street (49.3%, 75 cases).

In nearly half the cases, the female victim was related to the offender as an 'intimate partner' (that is, wife, common-law wife, ex-wife, or girlfriend). However, in only 3.2% of cases was a male victim killed by a wife or girlfriend.

Homicide Rates by City/Town

The 1995 homicide rate is presented here. It is based on the 1995 population estimate for each community which reported a homicide during the year. It should be noted that for many communities with a small population, one homicide in a year may translate to a high rate of offending. These communities may have had a very small number of homicides over a number of years.

Homicide Trend Data

Homicide trend data is presented for the period 1986 through 1995. Tables give information of victim-offender relationship, weapon used, circumstance, and victim's race and gender for the ten year period.

Victim-offender relationship

The percentage of female victims of domestic violence increased from an average of about 30% of the total in the period from 196-1989 to an average of about 40% in the period 1989-1994. In 1995, over 48% of female victims were killed by a person who was classified as an "intimate partner." No significant changes were noticeable in the male victims.

Weapon usage

Apart from a 'spike' in the percentage in 1994, the percentage of female victims killed with a firearm has remained fairly consistent in the 1986-1995 period at about 30%. However, male victims have been killed by firearms at an increasing rate - from an average of about 48% in the period 1986-1989 to over 60% in the past several years.

Victim's Gender

| | Number | Percent |
|--------|--------|---------|
| Female | 54 | 26.2% |
| Male | 152 | 73.8% |
| Total | 206 | 100.0% |

Victim's Race

| | Number | Percent |
|---------|--------|---------|
| Asian | 4 | 1.9% |
| Black | 92 | 44.7% |
| Unknown | 3 | 1.5% |
| White | 107 | 51.9% |
| Total | 206 | 100.0% |

Victim's Age

| | Number | Percent |
|-------------|--------|---------|
| Under 5 | 4 | 2.0% |
| 5 to 9 | 2 | 1.0% |
| 10 to 14 | 1 | .5% |
| 15 to 19 | 33 | 16.5% |
| 20 to 24 | 37 | 18.5% |
| 25 to 29 | 30 | 15.0% |
| 30 to 34 | 27 | 13.5% |
| 35 to 39 | 18 | 9.0% |
| 40 to 44 | 15 | 7.5% |
| 45 to 49 | 11 | 5.5% |
| 50 to 54 | 4 | 2.0% |
| 55 to 59 | 7 | 3.5% |
| 60 to 64 | 3 | 1.5% |
| 65 to 69 | 2 | 1.0% |
| 70 to 74 | 1 | .5% |
| 75 and over | 5 | 2.5% |
| Total | 200 | 100.0% |

Mean 31.548 Median 27.000 Mode 18.000

Offender's Race

| | Number | Percent |
|---------|--------|---------|
| Asian | 2 | 1.4% |
| Black | 45 | 32.6% |
| Unknown | 2 | 1.4% |
| White | 89 | 64.5% |
| Total | 138 | 100.0% |

Offender's Gender

| | Number | Percent |
|---------|--------|---------|
| Female | 12 | 8.7% |
| Male | 125 | 90.6% |
| Unknown | 1 | .7% |
| Total | 138 | 100.0% |

Offender's Age

| | Number | Percent |
|-------------|--------|---------|
| 10 to 14 | 2 | 1.5% |
| 15 to 19 | 22 | 16.4% |
| 20 to 24 | 44 | 32.8% |
| 25 to 29 | 14 | 10.4% |
| 30 to 34 | 20 | 14.9% |
| 35 to 39 | 10 | 7.5% |
| 40 to 44 | 11 | 8.2% |
| 45 to 49 | 3 | 2.2% |
| 50 to 54 | 2 | 1.5% |
| 55 to 59 | 1 | .7% |
| 60 to 64 | 1 | .7% |
| 65 to 69 | 1 | .7% |
| 70 to 74 | 1 | .7% |
| 75 and over | 2 | 1.5% |
| Total | 134 | 100.0% |

Mean 29.060 Median 24.000 Mode 23.000

Victim's Relationship to Offender #1

| | Number | Percent |
|----------------------|--------|---------|
| Husband | 2 | 1.0% |
| Sister | 1 | .5% |
| Other family | 3 | 1.5% |
| Wife | 13 | 6.3% |
| Neighbor | 2 | 1.0% |
| Acquaintance | 25 | 12.1% |
| Boyfriend | 3 | 1.5% |
| Girlfriend | 12 | 5.8% |
| Employee | 1 | .5% |
| Employer | 1 | .5% |
| Friend | 4 | 1.9% |
| Other known | 4 | 1.9% |
| Common-law Wife | 1 | .5% |
| Stranger | 19 | 9.2% |
| Mother | 1 | .5% |
| Son | 1 | .5% |
| Brother | 1 | .5% |
| Unknown relationship | 112 | 54.4% |
| Total | 206 | 100.0% |

Circumstance of Crime

| | Number | Percent |
|---------------------|--------|---------|
| Other sex offense | 1 | .5% |
| Narcotics laws | 5 | 2.4% |
| Rape | 2 | 1.0% |
| Other felony | 2 | 1.0% |
| Robbery | 10 | 4.9% |
| Lovers triangle | 4 | 1.9% |
| Brawl under alcohol | 7 | 3.4% |
| Argument over money | 3 | 1.5% |
| Other arguments | 15 | 7.3% |
| Gangland killing | 3 | 1.5% |
| Youth gang killing | 6 | 2.9% |
| Burglary | 1 | .5% |
| Other | 6 | 2.9% |
| Arson | 1 | .5% |
| Domestic/family | 32 | 15.5% |
| Child Abuse | 2 | 1.0% |
| Unknown | 106 | 51.5% |
| Total | 206 | 100.0% |

Weapon Used

| | Number | Percent |
|-----------------|--------|---------|
| Firearm | 49 | 23.8% |
| Handgun | 55 | 26.7% |
| Rifle | 1 | .5% |
| Shotgun | 2 | 1.0% |
| Other gun | 4 | 1.9% |
| Knife | 55 | 26.7% |
| Blunt object | 13 | 6.3% |
| Personal weapon | 6 | 2.9% |
| Fire | 2 | 1.0% |
| Strangulation | 7 | 3.4% |
| Asphyxiation | 3 | 1.5% |
| Unknown | 9 | 4.4% |
| Total | 206 | 100.0% |

Weapon (Recoded) Used

| | Number | Percent |
|-----------------|--------|---------|
| Firearm | 111 | 53.9% |
| Knife | 55 | 26.7% |
| Blunt object | 13 | 6.3% |
| Personal weapon | 6 | 2.9% |
| Strangulation | 7 | 3.4% |
| Asphyxiation | 3 | 1.5% |
| Other | 2 | 1.0% |
| Unknown | 9 | 4.4% |
| Total | 206 | 100.0% |

Area of State in which crime occurred

| | Number | Percent |
|-----------------|--------|---------|
| Mass w/o Boston | 110 | 53.4% |
| Boston only | 96 | 46.6% |
| Total | 206 | 100.0% |

Location of Offense

| | Number | Percent |
|------------------------|--------|---------|
| Bus-train-air term | 4 | 1.9% |
| Bar-night club | 3 | 1.5% |
| Commercial/office bldg | 2 | 1.0% |
| Convenience store | 1 | .5% |
| Field/woods | 6 | 2.9% |
| Highway/road/alley | 78 | 37.9% |
| Parking lot/garage | 7 | 3.4% |
| Residence/home | 90 | 43.7% |
| Restaurant | 7 | 3.4% |
| Other/unknown | 8 | 3.9% |
| Total | 206 | 100.0% |

Victim's Race by Area of State

| | Mass w/o Boston | | Boston only | |
|---------|-----------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Asian | 4 | 3.6% | | |
| Black | 20 | 18.2% | 72 | 75.0% |
| Unknown | 1 | .9% | 2 | 2.1% |
| White | 85 | 77.3% | 22 | 22.9% |
| Total | 110 | 100.0% | 96 | 100.0% |

Victim's Sex by Area of State

| | Mass w/o Boston | | Boston only | |
|--------|-----------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Female | 40 | 36.4% | 14 | 14.6% |
| Male | 70 | 63.6% | 82 | 85.4% |
| Total | 110 | 100.0% | 96 | 100.0% |

Victim's Age by Area of State

| | Mass w/o Boston | | Boston only | |
|-------------|-----------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Under 5 | 2 | 1.9% | 2 | 2.2% |
| 5 to 9 | 2 | 1.9% | | |
| 10 to 14 | 1 | .9% | | |
| 15 to 19 | 11 | 10.3% | 22 | 23.7% |
| 20 to 24 | 16 | 15.0% | 21 | 22.6% |
| 25 to 29 | 18 | 16.8% | 12 | 12.9% |
| 30 to 34 | 15 | 14.0% | 12 | 12.9% |
| 35 to 39 | 11 | 10.3% | 7 | 7.5% |
| 40 to 44 | 9 | 8.4% | 6 | 6.5% |
| 45 to 49 | 7 | 6.5% | 4 | 4.3% |
| 50 to 54 | 2 | 1.9% | 2 | 2.2% |
| 55 to 59 | 4 | 3.7% | 3 | 3.2% |
| 60 to 64 | 2 | 1.9% | 1 | 1.1% |
| 65 to 69 | 2 | 1.9% | | |
| 70 to 74 | | | 1 | 1.1% |
| 75 and over | 5 | 4.7% | | |
| Total | 107 | 100.0% | 93 | 100.0% |

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|-----------------|------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|
| MASS W/O BOSTON | Mean | 34.057 | Median | 30.000 | Mode | 24.000 |
| BOSTON | Mean | 28.661 | Median | 25.000 | Mode | 18.000 |

Offender's Race by Area of State

| | Mass w/o Boston | | Boston only | |
|---------|-----------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Asian | 1 | .9% | 1 | 3.3% |
| Black | 18 | 16.7% | 27 | 90.0% |
| Unknown | 2 | 1.9% | | |
| White | 87 | 80.6% | 2 | 6.7% |
| Total | 108 | 100.0% | 30 | 100.0% |

Offender's Sex by Area of State

| | Mass w/o Boston | | Boston only | |
|---------|-----------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Female | 8 | 7.4% | 4 | 13.3% |
| Male | 99 | 91.7% | 26 | 86.7% |
| Unknown | 1 | .9% | | |
| Total | 108 | 100.0% | 30 | 100.0% |

Offender's Age by Area of State

| | Mass w/o Boston | | Boston only | |
|-------------|-----------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| 10 to 14 | 2 | 1.9% | | |
| 15 to 19 | 18 | 17.1% | 4 | 13.8% |
| 20 to 24 | 33 | 31.4% | 11 | 37.9% |
| 25 to 29 | 11 | 10.5% | 3 | 10.3% |
| 30 to 34 | 16 | 15.2% | 4 | 13.8% |
| 35 to 39 | 6 | 5.7% | 4 | 13.8% |
| 40 to 44 | 11 | 10.5% | | |
| 45 to 49 | 2 | 1.9% | 1 | 3.4% |
| 50 to 54 | 1 | 1.0% | 1 | 3.4% |
| 55 to 59 | | | 1 | 3.4% |
| 60 to 64 | 1 | 1.0% | | |
| 65 to 69 | 1 | 1.0% | | |
| 70 to 74 | 1 | 1.0% | | |
| 75 and over | 2 | 1.9% | | |
| Total | 105 | 100.0% | 29 | 100.0% |

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|-----------------|------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|
| MASS W/O BOSTON | Mean | 29.229 | Median | 24.000 | Mode | 21.000 |
| BOSTON | Mean | 28.448 | Median | 24.000 | Mode | 23.000 |

Victim's Relationship to Offender by Area of State

| | Mass w/o Boston | | Boston only | |
|----------------------|-----------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Husband | 1 | .9% | 1 | 1.0% |
| Sister | 1 | .9% | | |
| Other family | 3 | 2.7% | | |
| Wife | 11 | 10.0% | 2 | 2.1% |
| Neighbor | 2 | 1.8% | | |
| Acquaintance | 23 | 20.9% | 2 | 2.1% |
| Boyfriend | 2 | 1.8% | 1 | 1.0% |
| Girlfriend | 7 | 6.4% | 5 | 5.2% |
| Employee | 1 | .9% | | |
| Employer | 1 | .9% | | |
| Friend | 4 | 3.6% | | |
| Other known | 4 | 3.6% | | |
| Common-law Wife | | | 1 | 1.0% |
| Stranger | 19 | 17.3% | | |
| Mother | 1 | .9% | | |
| Son | 1 | .9% | | |
| Brother | 1 | .9% | | |
| Unknown relationship | 28 | 25.5% | 84 | 87.5% |
| Total | 110 | 100.0% | 96 | 100.0% |

Circumstance by Area of State

| | Mass w/o Boston | | Boston only | |
|---------------------|-----------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Other sex offense | 1 | .9% | | |
| Narcotics laws | 4 | 3.6% | 1 | 1.0% |
| Rape | 2 | 1.8% | | |
| Other felony | 2 | 1.8% | | |
| Robbery | 8 | 7.3% | 2 | 2.1% |
| Lovers triangle | 4 | 3.6% | | |
| Brawl under alcohol | 7 | 6.4% | | |
| Argument over money | 3 | 2.7% | | |
| Other arguments | 13 | 11.8% | 2 | 2.1% |
| Gangland killing | 3 | 2.7% | | |
| Youth gang killing | 4 | 3.6% | 2 | 2.1% |
| Burglary | 1 | .9% | | |
| Other | 6 | 5.5% | | |
| Arson | 1 | .9% | | |
| Domestic/family | 25 | 22.7% | 7 | 7.3% |
| Child Abuse | 2 | 1.8% | | |
| Unknown | 24 | 21.8% | 82 | 85.4% |
| Total | 110 | 100.0% | 96 | 100.0% |

Weapon Use by Area of State

| | Mass w/o Boston | | Boston only | |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Firearm | 2 | 1.8% | 47 | 49.0% |
| Handgun | 42 | 38.2% | 13 | 13.5% |
| Rifle | 1 | .9% | | |
| Shotgun | 2 | 1.8% | | |
| Other gun | | | 4 | 4.2% |
| Knife | 36 | 32.7% | 19 | 19.8% |
| Blunt object | 11 | 10.0% | 2 | 2.1% |
| Personal weapon | 5 | 4.5% | 1 | 1.0% |
| Fire | 1 | .9% | 1 | 1.0% |
| Strangulation | 4 | 3.6% | 3 | 3.1% |
| Asphyxiation | 3 | 2.7% | | |
| Unknown | 3 | 2.7% | 6 | 6.3% |
| Total | 110 | 100.0% | 96 | 100.0% |

Weapon Use (Recoded) by Area of State

| | Mass w/o Boston | | Boston only | |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Firearm | 47 | 42.7% | 64 | 66.7% |
| Knife | 36 | 32.7% | 19 | 19.8% |
| Blunt object | 11 | 10.0% | 2 | 2.1% |
| Personal weapon | 5 | 4.5% | 1 | 1.0% |
| Strangulation | 4 | 3.6% | 3 | 3.1% |
| Asphyxiation | 3 | 2.7% | | |
| Other | 1 | .9% | 1 | 1.0% |
| Unknown | 3 | 2.7% | 6 | 6.3% |
| Total | 110 | 100.0% | 96 | 100.0% |

Location of Offense by Area of State

| | Mass w/o Boston | | Boston only | |
|------------------------|-----------------|---------|-------------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Bus-train-air term | 2 | 1.8% | 2 | 2.1% |
| Bar-night club | 3 | 2.7% | | |
| Commercial/office bldg | 2 | 1.8% | | |
| Convenience store | 1 | .9% | | |
| Field/woods | 6 | 5.5% | | |
| Highway/road/alley | 21 | 19.1% | 57 | 59.4% |
| Parking lot/garage | 6 | 5.5% | 1 | 1.0% |
| Residence/home | 62 | 56.4% | 28 | 29.2% |
| Restaurant | 2 | 1.8% | 5 | 5.2% |
| Other/unknown | 5 | 4.5% | 3 | 3.1% |
| Total | 110 | 100.0% | 96 | 100.0% |

Victim's Race by Victim's Gender

| | Female | | Male | |
|---------|--------|---------|-------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Asian | 1 | 1.9% | 3 | 2.0% |
| Black | 13 | 24.1% | 79 | 52.0% |
| Unknown | 1 | 1.9% | 2 | 1.3% |
| White | 39 | 72.2% | 68 | 44.7% |
| Total | 54 | 100.0% | 152 | 100.0% |

Victim's Age by Victim's Gender

| | Female | | Male | |
|-------------|--------|---------|-------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Under 5 | | | 4 | 2.7% |
| 5 to 9 | 1 | 2.0% | 1 | .7% |
| 10 to 14 | | | 1 | .7% |
| 15 to 19 | 4 | 7.8% | 29 | 19.5% |
| 20 to 24 | 8 | 15.7% | 29 | 19.5% |
| 25 to 29 | 6 | 11.8% | 24 | 16.1% |
| 30 to 34 | 11 | 21.6% | 16 | 10.7% |
| 35 to 39 | 5 | 9.8% | 13 | 8.7% |
| 40 to 44 | 7 | 13.7% | 8 | 5.4% |
| 45 to 49 | 2 | 3.9% | 9 | 6.0% |
| 50 to 54 | 3 | 5.9% | 1 | .7% |
| 55 to 59 | | | 7 | 4.7% |
| 60 to 64 | 1 | 2.0% | 2 | 1.3% |
| 65 to 69 | 1 | 2.0% | 1 | .7% |
| 70 to 74 | | | 1 | .7% |
| 75 and over | 2 | 3.9% | 3 | 2.0% |
| Total | 51 | 100.0% | 149 | 100.0% |

| | | | | | | |
|------------------|------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|
| Victim is Male | Mean | 30.299 | Median | 26.000 | Mode | 18.000 |
| Victim is Female | Mean | 35.196 | Median | 32.000 | Mode | 42.000 |

Offender's Race by Victim's Gender

| | Female | | Male | |
|---------|--------|---------|-------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Asian | | | 2 | 2.2% |
| Black | 15 | 32.6% | 30 | 32.6% |
| Unknown | 1 | 2.2% | 1 | 1.1% |
| White | 30 | 65.2% | 59 | 64.1% |
| Total | 46 | 100.0% | 92 | 100.0% |

Offender's Sex by Victim's Gender

| | Female | | Male | |
|---------|--------|---------|-------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Female | 2 | 4.3% | 10 | 10.9% |
| Male | 44 | 95.7% | 81 | 88.0% |
| Unknown | | | 1 | 1.1% |
| Total | 46 | 100.0% | 92 | 100.0% |

Offender's Age by Victim's Gender

| | Female | | Male | |
|-------------|--------|---------|-------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| 10 to 14 | | | 2 | 2.2% |
| 15 to 19 | 4 | 9.1% | 18 | 20.0% |
| 20 to 24 | 10 | 22.7% | 34 | 37.8% |
| 25 to 29 | 2 | 4.5% | 12 | 13.3% |
| 30 to 34 | 8 | 18.2% | 12 | 13.3% |
| 35 to 39 | 6 | 13.6% | 4 | 4.4% |
| 40 to 44 | 9 | 20.5% | 2 | 2.2% |
| 45 to 49 | 1 | 2.3% | 2 | 2.2% |
| 50 to 54 | | | 2 | 2.2% |
| 55 to 59 | 1 | 2.3% | | |
| 60 to 64 | 1 | 2.3% | | |
| 65 to 69 | 1 | 2.3% | | |
| 70 to 74 | | | 1 | 1.1% |
| 75 and over | 1 | 2.3% | 1 | 1.1% |
| Total | 44 | 100.0% | 90 | 100.0% |

| | | | | | | |
|------------------|------|--------|--------|--------|------|--------|
| Victim is Male | Mean | 26.356 | Median | 23.000 | Mode | 21.000 |
| Victim is Female | Mean | 34.591 | Median | 34.000 | Mode | 24.000 |

Victim's Relationship to Offender by Victim's Gender

| | Female | | Male | |
|----------------------|--------|---------|-------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Husband | | | 2 | 1.3% |
| Sister | 1 | 1.9% | | |
| Other family | 1 | 1.9% | 2 | 1.3% |
| Wife | 13 | 24.1% | | |
| Neighbor | 2 | 3.7% | | |
| Acquaintance | 4 | 7.4% | 21 | 13.8% |
| Boyfriend | | | 3 | 2.0% |
| Girlfriend | 12 | 22.2% | | |
| Employee | | | 1 | .7% |
| Employer | | | 1 | .7% |
| Friend | 1 | 1.9% | 3 | 2.0% |
| Other known | 1 | 1.9% | 3 | 2.0% |
| Common-law Wife | 1 | 1.9% | | |
| Stranger | 2 | 3.7% | 17 | 11.2% |
| Mother | 1 | 1.9% | | |
| Son | | | 1 | .7% |
| Brother | | | 1 | .7% |
| Unknown relationship | 15 | 27.8% | 97 | 63.8% |
| Total | 54 | 100.0% | 152 | 100.0% |

Circumstance of Offense by Victim's Gender

| | Female | | Male | |
|---------------------|--------|---------|-------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Other sex offense | | | 1 | .7% |
| Narcotics laws | | | 5 | 3.3% |
| Rape | 2 | 3.7% | | |
| Other felony | 1 | 1.9% | 1 | .7% |
| Robbery | 3 | 5.6% | 7 | 4.6% |
| Lovers triangle | 2 | 3.7% | 2 | 1.3% |
| Brawl under alcohol | | | 7 | 4.6% |
| Argument over money | 1 | 1.9% | 2 | 1.3% |
| Other arguments | 4 | 7.4% | 11 | 7.2% |
| Gangland killing | | | 3 | 2.0% |
| Youth gang killing | | | 6 | 3.9% |
| Burglary | | | 1 | .7% |
| Other | 2 | 3.7% | 4 | 2.6% |
| Arson | | | 1 | .7% |
| Domestic/family | 24 | 44.4% | 8 | 5.3% |
| Child Abuse | | | 2 | 1.3% |
| Unknown | 15 | 27.8% | 91 | 59.9% |
| Total | 54 | 100.0% | 152 | 100.0% |

Weapon Use by Victim's Gender

| | Female | | Male | |
|-----------------|--------|---------|-------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Firearm | 2 | 3.7% | 47 | 30.9% |
| Handgun | 12 | 22.2% | 43 | 28.3% |
| Rifle | | | 1 | .7% |
| Shotgun | 1 | 1.9% | 1 | .7% |
| Other gun | 1 | 1.9% | 3 | 2.0% |
| Knife | 21 | 38.9% | 34 | 22.4% |
| Blunt object | 4 | 7.4% | 9 | 5.9% |
| Personal weapon | 4 | 7.4% | 2 | 1.3% |
| Fire | | | 2 | 1.3% |
| Strangulation | 5 | 9.3% | 2 | 1.3% |
| Asphyxiation | 2 | 3.7% | 1 | .7% |
| Unknown | 2 | 3.7% | 7 | 4.6% |
| Total | 54 | 100.0% | 152 | 100.0% |

Weapon Use (recoded) by Victim's Gender

| | Female | | Male | |
|-----------------|--------|---------|-------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Firearm | 16 | 29.6% | 95 | 62.5% |
| Knife | 21 | 38.9% | 34 | 22.4% |
| Blunt object | 4 | 7.4% | 9 | 5.9% |
| Personal weapon | 4 | 7.4% | 2 | 1.3% |
| Strangulation | 5 | 9.3% | 2 | 1.3% |
| Asphyxiation | 2 | 3.7% | 1 | .7% |
| Other | | | 2 | 1.3% |
| Unknown | 2 | 3.7% | 7 | 4.6% |
| Total | 54 | 100.0% | 152 | 100.0% |

Location of Offense by Victim's Gender

| | Female | | Male | |
|------------------------|--------|---------|-------|---------|
| | Count | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Bus-train-air term | 2 | 3.7% | 2 | 1.3% |
| Bar-night club | | | 3 | 2.0% |
| Commercial/office bldg | 1 | 1.9% | 1 | .7% |
| Convenience store | 1 | 1.9% | | |
| Field/woods | 3 | 5.6% | 3 | 2.0% |
| Highway/road/alley | 3 | 5.6% | 75 | 49.3% |
| Parking lot/garage | 1 | 1.9% | 6 | 3.9% |
| Residence/home | 40 | 74.1% | 50 | 32.9% |
| Restaurant | | | 7 | 4.6% |
| Other/unknown | 3 | 5.6% | 5 | 3.3% |
| Total | 54 | 100.0% | 152 | 100.0% |

1995 Homicide Rates by Agency

| Agency | # of Homicides | Population (1995 estimate) | Rate per 100,000 |
|------------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Avon | 1 | 4,809 | 20.79 |
| Barnstable | 3 | 44,671 | 6.72 |
| Boston | 96 | 593,843 | 16.17 |
| Braintree | 1 | 34,983 | 2.86 |
| Brockton | 6 | 89,329 | 6.72 |
| Cambridge | 3 | 94,112 | 3.19 |
| Chatham | 1 | 7,078 | 14.13 |
| Chelsea | 2 | 26,583 | 7.52 |
| Clinton | 1 | 12,879 | 7.76 |
| Everett | 1 | 35,059 | 2.85 |
| Fall River | 2 | 89,393 | 2.24 |
| Fitchburg | 3 | 40,177 | 7.47 |
| Framingham | 4 | 66,993 | 5.97 |
| Franklin | 1 | 23,769 | 4.21 |
| Gloucester | 1 | 29,987 | 3.33 |
| Greenfield | 2 | 18,267 | 10.95 |
| Haverhill | 1 | 53,045 | 1.89 |
| Holden | 1 | 14,632 | 6.83 |
| Holyoke | 3 | 40,602 | 7.39 |
| Hopkinton | 1 | 10,465 | 9.56 |
| Lawrence | 5 | 64,195 | 7.79 |
| Lowell | 8 | 100,814 | 7.94 |
| Lunenburg | 1 | 9,333 | 10.71 |
| Lynn | 9 | 78,178 | 11.51 |
| MBTA - Suffolk | 1 | 0 | ?? |
| Medford | 1 | 56,233 | 1.78 |
| Milton | 1 | 26,126 | 3.83 |
| Montague | 1 | 8,300 | 12.05 |
| New Bedford | 6 | 96,274 | 6.23 |
| Peabody | 1 | 47,646 | 2.10 |
| Raynham | 1 | 10,198 | 9.81 |
| Salisbury | 1 | 8,606 | 11.62 |
| Somerville | 3 | 70,536 | 4.25 |
| Spencer | 3 | 12,434 | 24.13 |
| Springfield | 19 | 149,931 | 12.67 |
| Stoughton | 1 | 28,749 | 3.48 |
| Wareham | 1 | 21,129 | 4.73 |
| Watertown | 1 | 32,676 | 3.06 |
| West Springfield | 2 | 27,275 | 7.33 |
| Woburn | 1 | 38,271 | 2.61 |
| Worcester | 5 | 164,259 | 3.04 |

Homicide Data for the Period 1986-1995¹

Victim's Relationship to the Offender²

| Total | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Intimate Partners..... | 11.6% | 11.4% | 10.1% | 14.0% | 7.8% | 9.0% | 12.1% | 9.4% | 10.9% | 15.1% |
| Other Family..... | 3.7% | 11.4% | 11.2% | 6.1% | 2.9% | 4.8% | 8.0% | 5.2% | 2.0% | 3.4% |
| Other Known..... | 33.9% | 22.2% | 38.0% | 22.9% | 21.4% | 33.3% | 23.0% | 34.9% | 21.4% | 18.0% |
| Stranger..... | 15.9% | 14.8% | 10.6% | 14.0% | 10.7% | 11.4% | 19.5% | 11.8% | 12.4% | 9.3% |
| Unknown..... | 34.9% | 40.3% | 30.2% | 43.0% | 57.3% | 41.4% | 37.4% | 38.7% | 53.2% | 54.1% |
| Total..... | 189 | 176 | 179 | 179 | 206 | 210 | 174 | 212 | 201 | 205 |
| Total..... | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |

| Female | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Intimate Partners..... | 30.9% | 25.0% | 25.5% | 42.9% | 38.5% | 38.6% | 37.3% | 32.0% | 40.5% | 48.1% |
| Other Family..... | 5.5% | 16.1% | 10.6% | 4.1% | 2.6% | 15.9% | 15.7% | 6.0% | 5.4% | 5.6% |
| Other Known..... | 23.6% | 19.6% | 31.9% | 10.2% | 5.1% | 2.3% | 11.8% | 28.0% | 8.1% | 14.8% |
| Stranger..... | 10.9% | 5.4% | 6.4% | 6.1% | 12.8% | 6.8% | 15.7% | 12.0% | 13.5% | 3.7% |
| Unknown..... | 29.1% | 33.9% | 25.5% | 36.7% | 41.0% | 36.4% | 19.6% | 22.0% | 32.4% | 27.8% |
| Total..... | 55 | 56 | 47 | 49 | 39 | 44 | 51 | 50 | 37 | 54 |
| Total..... | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |

| Male | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Intimate Partners..... | 3.7% | 5.0% | 4.5% | 3.1% | .6% | 1.2% | 1.6% | 2.5% | 4.3% | 3.3% |
| Other Family..... | 3.0% | 9.2% | 11.4% | 6.9% | 3.0% | 1.8% | 4.9% | 4.9% | 1.2% | 2.6% |
| Other Known..... | 38.1% | 23.3% | 40.2% | 27.7% | 25.1% | 41.6% | 27.6% | 37.0% | 24.4% | 19.2% |
| Stranger..... | 17.9% | 19.2% | 12.1% | 16.9% | 10.2% | 12.7% | 21.1% | 11.7% | 12.2% | 11.3% |
| Unknown..... | 37.3% | 43.3% | 31.8% | 45.4% | 61.1% | 42.8% | 44.7% | 43.8% | 57.9% | 63.6% |
| Total..... | 134 | 120 | 132 | 130 | 167 | 166 | 123 | 162 | 164 | 151 |
| Total..... | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |

Weapon Used in the Commission of the Offense

| | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Firearm..... | 42.1% | 38.8% | 40.4% | 48.1% | 46.9% | 52.4% | 50.6% | 52.4% | 63.7% | 53.9% |
| Knife..... | 26.3% | 32.6% | 31.4% | 28.4% | 27.8% | 27.6% | 22.2% | 26.4% | 16.9% | 26.7% |
| Blunt object..... | 13.2% | 10.1% | 10.6% | 6.0% | 12.4% | 5.7% | 7.2% | 9.9% | 4.5% | 6.3% |
| Personal weapon..... | 6.3% | 9.6% | 6.4% | 9.8% | 4.3% | 3.8% | 9.4% | 4.7% | 2.5% | 2.9% |
| Strangulation..... | 6.3% | 4.5% | 4.3% | 1.6% | 4.3% | 5.2% | 5.6% | 2.8% | 1.5% | 3.4% |
| Asphyxiation..... | 1.1% | 1.7% | 4.8% | 3.3% | 1.0% | .5% | 3.3% | .9% | 1.5% | 1.5% |
| Other..... | 3.2% | 1.7% | 2.1% | 2.7% | 1.0% | 1.4% | .6% | .9% | 3.0% | 1.0% |
| Unknown..... | 1.6% | 1.1% | | | 2.4% | 3.3% | 1.1% | 1.9% | 6.5% | 4.4% |
| Total..... | 190 | 178 | 188 | 183 | 209 | 210 | 180 | 212 | 201 | 206 |
| Total..... | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |

| Female | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Firearm..... | 30.4% | 26.3% | 17.0% | 33.3% | 25.0% | 22.7% | 28.8% | 24.0% | 64.9% | 29.6% |
| Knife..... | 19.6% | 35.1% | 28.3% | 35.3% | 30.0% | 43.2% | 32.7% | 30.0% | 8.1% | 38.9% |
| Blunt object..... | 14.3% | 12.3% | 13.2% | 5.9% | 12.5% | 9.1% | 7.7% | 12.0% | 8.1% | 7.4% |
| Personal weapon..... | 10.7% | 7.0% | 13.2% | 11.8% | 7.5% | 4.5% | 5.8% | 10.0% | | 7.4% |
| Strangulation..... | 16.1% | 14.0% | 11.3% | 2.0% | 20.0% | 15.9% | 15.4% | 10.0% | 5.4% | 9.3% |
| Asphyxiation..... | 3.6% | 1.8% | | | 2.5% | | 5.8% | 4.0% | 5.4% | 3.7% |
| Other..... | 3.6% | | 11.3% | 9.8% | | 2.3% | | 4.0% | 2.7% | |
| Unknown..... | 1.8% | 3.5% | 5.7% | 2.0% | 2.5% | 2.3% | 3.8% | 6.0% | 5.4% | 3.7% |
| Total..... | 56 | 57 | 53 | 51 | 40 | 44 | 52 | 50 | 37 | 54 |
| Total..... | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |

| Male | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Firearm..... | 47.0% | 44.6% | 49.6% | 53.8% | 52.1% | 60.2% | 59.4% | 61.1% | 63.4% | 62.5% |
| Knife..... | 29.1% | 31.4% | 32.6% | 25.8% | 27.2% | 23.5% | 18.0% | 25.3% | 18.9% | 22.4% |
| Blunt object..... | 12.7% | 9.1% | 9.6% | 6.1% | 12.4% | 4.8% | 7.0% | 9.3% | 3.7% | 5.9% |
| Personal weapon..... | 4.5% | 10.7% | 3.7% | 9.1% | 3.6% | 3.6% | 10.9% | 3.1% | 3.0% | 1.3% |
| Strangulation..... | 2.2% | | 1.5% | 1.5% | .6% | 2.4% | 1.6% | .6% | .6% | 1.3% |
| Asphyxiation..... | | 1.7% | | .8% | .6% | .6% | 2.3% | | 3.0% | .7% |
| Other..... | 3.0% | 2.5% | 2.2% | | 1.2% | 1.2% | .8% | .6% | 3.0% | 1.3% |
| Unknown..... | 1.5% | | .7% | 3.0% | 2.4% | 3.6% | | | 6.7% | 4.6% |
| Total..... | 134 | 121 | 135 | 132 | 169 | 166 | 128 | 162 | 164 | 152 |
| Total..... | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |

Circumstance of the Offense

| | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 |
|--------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent |
| Circumstance | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prostitution..... | | .6% | | | | | | 1.4% | | .5% |
| Other sex offense..... | .5% | | | | | .5% | | | | |
| Narcotics laws..... | 6.8% | 8.3% | 14.3% | 12.4% | 5.3% | 12.4% | 8.9% | 6.6% | 7.0% | 2.4% |
| Rape..... | 4.2% | 1.1% | .5% | | .5% | | 2.8% | .5% | | 1.0% |
| Other felony..... | | | 8.5% | 1.6% | | | | .9% | 1.0% | 1.0% |
| Robbery..... | 7.9% | 5.5% | 3.2% | 5.4% | 7.7% | 7.6% | 6.7% | 9.9% | 8.0% | 4.9% |
| Lovers triangle..... | 1.0% | | 1.6% | .5% | 1.4% | 1.0% | | .9% | 2.0% | 1.9% |
| Killed by babysitter.... | | .6% | | | | | | 1.4% | | |
| Brawl under alcohol..... | .5% | .6% | 1.6% | 1.1% | 1.0% | 1.0% | .6% | 1.9% | 2.5% | 3.4% |
| Brawl under drugs..... | | | | | .5% | | .6% | 2.4% | 1.5% | |
| Argument over money..... | .5% | | | 2.2% | 1.0% | .5% | .6% | .5% | 1.0% | 1.5% |
| Other arguments..... | 17.8% | 23.2% | 20.6% | 16.8% | 15.3% | 20.5% | 10.6% | 16.5% | 11.4% | 7.3% |
| Gangland killing..... | .5% | | .5% | 1.1% | 2.4% | | .6% | .9% | .5% | 1.5% |
| Youth gang killing..... | | 1.1% | 4.2% | 3.8% | 1.9% | 5.2% | 1.7% | 3.8% | 2.5% | 2.9% |
| Burglary..... | | .6% | | 1.1% | 1.4% | | | | 2.0% | .5% |
| Child play with gun..... | .5% | .6% | | | | | .6% | | .5% | |
| Other negligent gun..... | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other negl mansl..... | | | .5% | | | | | | | |
| Larceny..... | 1.0% | .6% | | 2.2% | .5% | 2.9% | 5.6% | 5.2% | 7.0% | 2.9% |
| Other..... | 1.0% | 3.9% | 6.9% | .5% | | | | | | |
| Auto theft..... | | | | .5% | .5% | | .6% | | | |
| Felon by police..... | | .6% | | | | | | .9% | 2.5% | .5% |
| Arson..... | 1.6% | 1.7% | 2.6% | 1.6% | | | | | | |
| Domestic/family..... | 12.6% | 11.6% | 9.5% | 13.5% | 7.7% | 11.0% | 17.8% | 14.6% | 9.5% | 15.5% |
| Child Abuse..... | 1.0% | 1.1% | 5.8% | 2.7% | .5% | | 4.4% | 1.4% | 1.0% | 1.0% |
| Unknown..... | 42.4% | 38.1% | 19.6% | 33.0% | 52.6% | 37.1% | 38.3% | 30.2% | 40.3% | 51.5% |
| Total..... | 191 | 181 | 189 | 185 | 209 | 210 | 180 | 212 | 201 | 206 |
| Total..... | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |

Race and Sex of Victims

| | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent |
| Victim's Race | | | | | | | | | | |
| White..... | 60.2% | 62.2% | 51.9% | 55.4% | 40.2% | 47.6% | 59.4% | 49.5% | 48.8% | 51.9% |
| Black..... | 38.7% | 32.8% | 46.5% | 41.8% | 57.4% | 44.8% | 39.4% | 45.8% | 48.3% | 44.7% |
| Asian..... | 1.0% | 4.4% | 1.6% | 2.7% | 1.0% | 7.6% | 1.1% | 4.7% | 3.0% | 1.9% |
| Indian..... | | .6% | | | 1.0% | | | | | |
| Unknown..... | | | | | .5% | | | | | 1.5% |
| Victim's Sex | | | | | | | | | | |
| Female..... | 29.3% | 32.0% | 28.0% | 27.6% | 19.1% | 21.0% | 28.9% | 23.6% | 18.4% | 26.2% |
| Male..... | 70.7% | 68.0% | 72.0% | 72.4% | 80.9% | 79.0% | 71.1% | 76.4% | 81.6% | 73.8% |
| Total..... | 191 | 181 | 189 | 185 | 209 | 210 | 180 | 212 | 201 | 206 |
| Total..... | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |

Race and Sex of Offenders

| | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 | 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 |
|-----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent | Percent |
| Offender's Race | | | | | | | | | | |
| Asian..... | 3.7% | 2.6% | 1.4% | 1.8% | | 5.5% | 1.5% | 4.4% | 1.5% | 1.5% |
| Black..... | 29.6% | 26.5% | 50.7% | 39.8% | 55.7% | 46.5% | 40.7% | 41.9% | 43.3% | 33.1% |
| Indian..... | | 1.3% | .7% | | .8% | | | | | |
| White..... | 66.7% | 69.5% | 47.3% | 58.4% | 43.5% | 48.0% | 57.8% | 53.8% | 55.2% | 65.4% |
| Offender's Sex | | | | | | | | | | |
| Female..... | 6.7% | 7.9% | 9.4% | 9.6% | 2.9% | 3.8% | 4.4% | 8.8% | 7.0% | 8.8% |
| Male..... | 93.3% | 92.1% | 90.6% | 90.4% | 97.1% | 96.2% | 95.6% | 91.3% | 93.0% | 91.2% |
| Total..... | 135 | 151 | 149 | 114 | 139 | 133 | 135 | 160 | 143 | 137 |
| Total..... | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |

Notes on the report

1. Data in the following tables is based solely on reports submitted to the Crime Reporting Unit by Massachusetts police agencies. As this reporting program is voluntary, not all agencies submit data. As a result, year-to-year comparisons should be made carefully.
2. In this table, victim-offender relationship codes were collapsed into a smaller number of categories to make the relationships easier to see. The codes were reclassified as follows:
 - “Intimate Partners”: wife, ex-wife, common-law wife, girlfriend, husband, ex-husband, common-law husband, boyfriend, homosexual relationship
 - “Other Family”: son, daughter, mother, father, grandparent, grandchild, in-law, etc.
 - “Other Known”: friend, acquaintance, neighbor, employer, employee, baby-sitter, etc.
 - “Stranger”: stranger
 - “Unknown”: unknown

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